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SUBJ: UNGA SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION: MEETING WITH G-77

CONTACT GROUP

SUMMARY: AS FIFTH IN SERIES OF MEETINGS WITH OTHER GROUPS, G-77 CONTACT GROUP MET WITH US REPS ON JUNE 4 TO DISCUSS SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION, IN PARTICULAR THEIR PROPOSED AGENDA. MEETING WAS BASICALLY NON-SUBSTANTIVE SINCE, AS AMB FERGUSON EXPLAINED, USG IN PROCESS OF HIGH LEVEL POLICY REVIEW AND NOT IN POSITION TO MAKE SUBSTANTIVE COMMENTS ON SPECIFIC ISSUES AT THIS TIME. G-77 HAVE BEEN FOLLOWING RECENT SPEECHES BY SECY KISSINGER AND VIEW WITH APPROVAL IMPLICATIONS THEREIN OF POSSIBLE CHANGES IN USG POLICY. HOWEVER, THEY WANT TO SEE THE SPECIFICS AND, IN THE MEANTIME, ARE CONCERNED THAT TIME MAY BE RUNNING OUT FOR THE SORT OF CONCRETE NEGOTIATIONS NECESSARY TO AVOID

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CONFRONTATION AT THE SESSION. END SUMMARY.

1. ON JUNE 4, AMB FERGUSON MET WITH CONTACT GROUP (G-27) OF G-77 TO DISCUSS SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION, IN PARTICULAR AGENDA PROPOSED BY THEM (CRP-1). (G-27 HAD MET PREVIOUSLY WITH USSR, CHINA, NORDICS AND JAPAN, AND IS SCHEDULED TO MEET WITH EC-9 ON JUNE 6.)

2. MEETING CHAIRED BY MEXICAN AMB (GARCIA ROBLES) WHO IN INTRODUCW!KQQKKFR7-

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8. PAKISTAN AMB (AKHUND) NOTED THAT USG POSITION OF CRUCIAL IMPORTANCE TO SUCCESS OF SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION AND WELCOMED SECY KISSINGER APPEAL FOR NON-DOCTRINAL APPROACH. HE ENCOURAGED BY SECY KISSINGER SPEECHES AND HOPEFUL THAT USG WILL ADOPT A MORE FLEXIBLE APPROACH TO KEY ISSUES. HOWEVER, HE MOST SERIOUSLY CONCERNED BY TIMING OF USG REVIEW PROCESS AND FACT THAT INTERNATIONAL DIALOGUE HAS NOT AS YET TAKEN CONCRETE FORM NECESSARY TO PRODUCE SUBSTANTIVE AGREEMENTS. HE NOTED REPORT THAT OECD WOULD CONCLUDE ITS INTERNAL CONSULTATIONS AT END OF JULY AND WONDERED IF IT POSSIBLE IN TIME REMAINING THERE-AFTER TO GET DOWN TO CONCRETE NEGOTIATIONS NEEDED TO BRING OFF THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION. HE RAISED POSSIBILITY OF INITIATING SUCH SUBSTANTIVE NEGOTIATIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE 59TH ECOSOC.

9. TUNISIA AMB (DRISS) EMPHASIZED THAT NIEO AND CERDS
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REPRESENTED DOCTRINAL POSITION OF G-77 AND WHILE THEY SEEKING JOINT ACTION TO ACHIEVE SPECIFIC RESULTS THROUGH COOPERATION FROM ALL PARTIES, LDCS CANNOT BE EXPECTED TO ACCEPT CONSENSUS AT ANY PRICE. HE EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT THAT STATEMENT BY AMB FERGUSON CONTAINED FEW SPECIFICS. HE STATED THAT PROBLEMS ARE BASICALLY POLITICAL AND SOLUTIONS REQUIRE CHANGES IN POLITICAL ATTITUDES. HE CONCLUDED BY EXPRESSING CONCERN THAT TIME RUNNING OUT FOR PREPARATIONS FOR SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION.

10. RESPONDING TO ABOVE, AMB FERGUSON REITERATED THAT USG APPROACHING SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION IN SPIRIT OF SEEKING TO REACH ACCOMMODATIONS IN SPITE OF OBVIOUS DIFFICULTIES. HE SAID THAT WE WOULD BE IN A POSITION NEXT WEEK TO STATE WHAT WE PREPARED TO DO AT PREPCOM AND ECOSOC AND PROMISED WRITTEN RESPONSE IN MORE DETAIL TO CRP-1. HE SUGGESTED THAT THREE RECENT SPEECHES BY SECY KISSINGER AS WELL AS TRANSCRIPTS OF FRAZIER HEARINGS DESERVED CLOSE STUDY, AND CONCLUDED WITH HOPE THAT DIALOGUE WOULD CONTINUE.

11. COMMENT: WHILE IT IS CLEAR THAT G-77 HAVE BEEN FOLLOWING RECENT SPEECHES BY SECY KISSINGER AND VIEW WITH APPROVAL IMPLICATIONS OF CHANGES IN USG POLICY, IT IS ALSO CLEAR THAT THEY ARE RESERVING FINAL JUDGMENT UNTIL THEY SEE THE SPECIFICS ON ISSUES OF CONCERN TO THEM. ALTHOUGH PERHAPS NO MORE THAN RHETORIC, THERE WAS A CONSTANT THEME OF THE NEED FOR CONTINUING DIALOGUE TO AVOID A REPETITION

OF THE CONFRONTATIONAL SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION. AND IN THIS CONNECTION, THERE WERE REPEATED STATEMENTS ON THE NEED FOR USG TO EXPEDITE ITS POLICY REVIEW IN ORDER TO PERMIT SUBSTANTIVE NEGOTIATIONS AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE.

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